

**EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY**  
**GS-905-13/15**  
**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**CRIMINAL DIVISION**  
**NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS DRUG SECTION**  
**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 05-CRM-NDDS-005**

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**About the Office:**

The Criminal Division, Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs Section, U.S. Department of Justice, is seeking an experienced attorney to fill one position on its Wiretap Team, located in Washington, D.C.

**Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:**

The Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section (NDDS) supervises and has responsibility for enforcing federal statutes pertaining to narcotic drugs and other controlled substances. The section advises the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice and other federal officials involved in drug enforcement on all matters related to federal narcotics law enforcement including proposed and enacted legislation, policy, enforcement initiatives, and criminal and civil litigation. The section has direct litigation responsibilities in significant investigations and prosecutions targeting national and international narcotics trafficking and money laundering organizations.

The six attorneys that comprise this team will assist United States Attorneys' Offices to initiate wiretaps in OCDETF cases when time or manpower constraints prevent that district from being able to commence a wiretap investigation within the limited time-frames often extant in Title III investigations. The attorney will be responsible for initiating the wiretap and then managing the investigation. In addition, the attorneys on the team will be expected to assist and advise U.S. Attorneys offices on the use of the wire information after the investigation concludes. Training AUSAs inexperienced in the use of wiretap evidence will also be expected. Attorneys on the wiretap team will be based in Washington, DC, but are expected to travel to the districts in which the wiretap investigation is being done several times each month.

**Qualifications:**

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia, and have at least three years of post-J.D. legal experience, preferably an AUSA. Experience in federal wiretap investigations is desirable but not mandatory if applicant possess similar state wiretap investigation experience. Two year details with backfill to USAO's will be considered. A two year commitment is required.

**Travel:**

Travel will be required.

**Salary Information:**

GS-13: \$74,782 - \$97,213 per annum  
GS-14: \$88,369 - \$114,882 per annum  
GS-15: \$103,947 - \$135,136 per annum

**Location:**

The position is located in Washington, D.C.

**Relocation Expenses:**

Relocation expenses are not authorized.

**Submission Process**  
**and Deadline Date:**

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, a writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages), and a current performance appraisal (if applicable). Please send your resume to:

U.S. Department of Justice  
Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section  
1400 New York Avenue NW, Room 11102  
Washington, DC 20005  
Attn: Charlene Briggs-Plunkett

No telephone calls please. The closing date of this announcement is July 8, 2005. Applications sent through the mail, must be received by the closing date. Current salary and years of litigation experience will determine the appropriate salary.

Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level.

**Internet Sites:**

This and selected other legal position announcements can be found on the Internet at:  
[www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvancies](http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvancies)

**Department Policies:**

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*It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

*There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.*